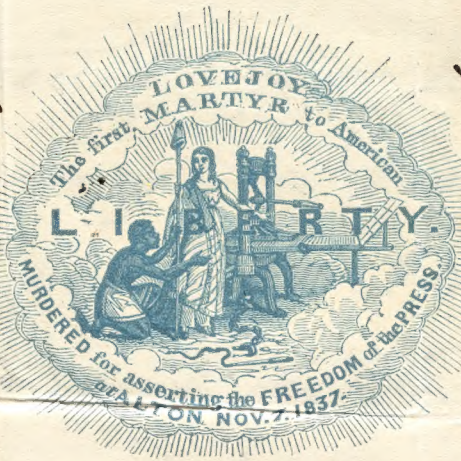


full justice the J. J.  
denounces me as a traitor  
in all but "overt acts" has  
only made comments for  
third party, for want of  
employment for third of  
to they were made. You  
know "an idle mind is  
the devil's workshop"



and it is not strange  
if you are  
third party, should  
get into it.

Wm as Eason  
J. H.

New York Sep 13, 1843

My Dear Friend

I rec<sup>d</sup>. last by your last letter  
and thank you for the entertainment  
and good intelligence thereof. I have  
not time now to enter into the  
particulars proper to a reply. I  
wish however to say without loss  
of time that I do not think  
you do justice to our strong-hearted  
James S. Gibbons. He is really a  
noble creature and his services  
have been and are invaluable



I feel great respect for him, and I do not think I am of a temper of mind to overrate such a character as his.

There are some falling off in consequence of the "whereabouts", that I have been <sup>taking observations</sup> ~~trying~~ to find. On the other hand it appears to have waked up excellent friends. The offended ones are third party or inclining to it. By the way I am going to publish a set of interrogatories adapted to most elections and (with a little modifications & suit localities) to all possible



ones. I think we have been  
decidedly wrong in being so indo-  
lent and perhaps I may say  
shamefaced and distrustful about  
this instrumentality. What a great  
pique did the little matter of  
Everett's reply to us  
kindle. It flared up  
to the terror and  
dismay of the slave mongers.  
When a candidate has answered  
our letters favorably, he becomes  
an object of suspicion & proscrip-  
tion with them. This is an as-  
pect of the subject, which has  
not been much regarded. I also  
have been thinking with a secret  
satisfaction of the Phil<sup>a</sup> meeting



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We want a meeting immensely. We want  
action more proportionate to our strength  
and increasing morales. Now by the

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H. P. Stone

Maria W. Chapman

Boston



interrogatory system and the consequences,  
which naturally flow from it, we can  
apply a great deal of steam. Our  
friend Abby to whose motives I do